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Fact Sheet, August 2006

No Further Action Proposed at the Former Engelhard West, Inc. Anaheim Facility

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed remedy selection for the Former Engelhard West, Inc. Anaheim Facility (Site) located at 5510 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, California. The proposed remedy for this site is a No Further Action (NFA) determination. The NFA determination certifies that the Site meets the requirements of California State law for Corrective Action of a former hazardous waste processing facility.

This fact sheet is being sent to inform you of the proposed remedy selection and to give you the opportunity to submit comments to the proposed NFA determination.

The Site consists of approximately 4.5 acres located in an industrial/commercial area of Anaheim adjacent to the Santa Ana River. The Site is surrounded by a perimeter fence. One building with an area of approximately 31,500 square feet is located at the northeast corner of the property. The remainder of the site is generally paved with asphalt or concrete. Engelhard stopped all its operations and vacated the facility in 2000. The building is currently used as a storage warehouse by Family Tree Produce.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

August 21 – October 5, 2006

DTSC is announcing a 45-day public review and comment period on the proposed remedy selection of No Further Action. We will consider and respond to all public comments before making a final decision on this site. You are invited to review and comment on this document at the local information repositories listed on this fact sheet. Please mail or email comments no later than October 5, 2006 to Robert Romero, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630 or rromero1@dtsc.ca.gov

Public Hearing

DTSC will hold a public hearing to explain the proposed decision, and receive public comments.

Date: September 26, 2006
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Fairfield Inn
201 North Via Cortez
Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

For information on accessibility (wheelchair ramps, etc.) or to request a reasonable accommodation (such as translators or sign language interpretation) please call Jeanne Matsumoto at 714-484-5338 at least one week prior to the meeting.



History of the Site

Between 1979 to late 2000, Engelhard operated a gold recovery and refining operation at the Site. The site underwent a Facility Investigation in 2001 to identify chemicals and areas of concern. Following this initial investigation, areas of concern were identified. The major area of concern was a former analytical laboratory which had released chloroform to the soil. A health risk assessment was completed for the project. DTSC determined the risk to human health from the chloroform release was not significant and within the range DTSC considers acceptable for unrestricted use. All other areas of concern presented a lower risk to human health than the chloroform release. The Site will remain in use as a storage warehouse for Family Tree Produce. However, based on a risk assessment of the site, any future use of the property is unrestricted.

What is the Remedy Selection?

The proposed remedy selection states that the Site needs no further action and is suitable for unrestricted use. The investigation activities that have led to this proposed remedy selection include:

- A Facility Investigation identified areas of concern and contamination at the Site through soil, groundwater, and soil vapor sampling.
- Minor soil and soil vapor contamination was found. A risk assessment showed that the contamination poses no significant risk to human health.
- No groundwater contamination was found.

Potential Environmental Impacts

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has determined that a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project is appropriate. This finding is based upon an evaluation by DTSC that the proposed decision would not significantly affect the environment.

How You Can Get Involved

Before making a final decision, DTSC will consider all comments to the proposed NFA. Based upon the comments received, DTSC may reject, modify or approve the proposed NFA remedy. The Statement of Basis for the NFA

remedy will also be available for public review and comment at the locations listed below. The CEQA NOE will be available for review, although it is not subject to public comment. We will respond in writing to all comments received in a document called a Response to Comments. Everyone who submitted comments will receive a copy of the Response to Comments.

Where to Send Comments

Your comments must be submitted no later than October 5, 2006. Comments may be submitted via mail to:

Mr. Robert Romero
DTSC Project Manager
Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630
or via email at rromero1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Where to Find Site Documents

Canyon Hills Public Library
400 Scout Trail
Anaheim Hills, CA 92807
714-974-7630

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
714-484-5300
Julie Johnson

Who to Contact for Information

If you have any questions regarding the proposed remedy, please contact:

Mr. Robert Romero, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
714-484-5316
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For Media Inquires:

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Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about this site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378. Please ask to speak with Mr. Robert Romero at 714-484-5316.

COMMENT FORM

If you have any comments concerning the former Engelhard West, Inc. proposed Remedy Selection, please fill out the information below and mail by **October 5, 2006**, to: *Mr. Robert Romero, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630*. Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the written Response to Comments when the final plan is issued.

Name (optional) _____

Organization (optional) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (optional) Fax _____ (optional)

E-mail _____ (optional)

Comments (attach additional pages if needed) _____

Note: Your comments will be considered public records for this site and, if requested, may be subject to release.

Place
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Department of Toxic Substances Control
Attn: Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist
5796 Corporate Avenue
CYPRESS, CA 90630

Please fold the letter with the address showing, place stamp on the right-hand side, and seal. Thank you.